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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION

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1. AM GLAD TO SEE DEPARTMENT WEIGHING IN ON THIS PROBLEM.
2. CALLED BOUTROS APRIL 8 AND TOLD HIM LEBANESE LIAISON OFFICER AT NAKOURA APPARENTLY HAD NO AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS ANYTHING AND ANYWAY HE WAS UP IN BEIRUT TAKING CARE OF HIS SICK BABY. BOUTROS SAID, WITH SOME ASPERITY, THAT IF UNFIL IS DISSATISFIED WITH HIM, IT SHOULD GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH GENERAL KHOURY AND DISCUSS THE PROBLEM. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. UNFIL SHOULD NOT BE RELYING ON US FOR OPERATIONS OF THIS SORT.
3. AM TOLD THAT LT. COL. FARHAT, THE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO NAKOURA, WAS SENT BACK DOWN YESTERDAY. HE HAD WANTED TO STAY HERE BECAUSE ILLNESS IN FAMILY AND HE ALSO FELT
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HIS FAMILY THREATENED BY POSSIBLE TROUBLES IN BEIRUT.

4. COLONEL HANI ABBAS IS COMMANDER OF THE SOUTHERN REGION. HE HAS HIS PLATE FULL ALREADY. IN ANY EVENT, AM SURE DEPARTMENT WOULD AGREE IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR US TO TELL LEBANESE WHAT OFFICERS THEY SHOULD ASSIGN WHERE. LEBANESE STILL HAVE A LITTLE PRIDE LEFT.

5. FINALLY, LIAISON OFFICER AT NAKOURA IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE ANYTHING. HE IS ISOLATED FROM BEIRUT, SURROUNDED BY ISRAELIS AND OUTNUMBERED BY ALL THE UN AND IDF CARPETBAGGERS WE ARE TOLD INFEST THAT PLACE. IF UNIFIL WANTS LIAISON THEY SHOULD GET SOMEONE STATIONED IN BEIRUT NOW REPEAT NOW. NO LEBANESE OFFICER AT NAKOURA CAN DO THE JOB FOR THEM.
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